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REMARKS

Status

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 10, 12-18, 20, 21, 23, and 26-28 stand rejected. And Examiner interview was conducted on October 30, 2007 in which agreement was reached.

Examiner Interview

The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her consideration in the interview conducted on October 30, 2007 in which agreement was reached. To summarize, the present claims overcome the prior art since the rearrangement of parts as proposed by the Examiner would destroy the functionality of the prior art.

Rejection under 37 C.F.R §103(a)

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 10, 12-18, 20, 21, 23, and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubu et al. (JP 2002-164138) in view of Murphy (U.S. 819,702) and Gustavsson (DE 3217254). In addition, the Examiner has maintained the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of claims 6, 10, 12, 13, 26, and 28 as being unpatentable over Kokubu, Murphy, and Gustavsson in view of Hawes et al. (U.S. 3,915,328), and claim 27 as being unpatentable over Kokubu in view of Hawes.

The present invention is directed to a chamber lamp socket (3) for a refrigerator. Chamber lamp socket (3) includes socket main body (4), support member (5), and lamp holder (8) for receiving a chamber lamp (2). Support member (5) is formed of a flexible synthetic resin. Tip cylindrical portion (5A) extends upwards from the socket main body 4 and includes, on its inner surface, saw-toothed portion (19) having gentle slopes (17) and steep slopes (18). Due to